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1. 10 MONTH SCENARIO. A POLITICAL SCENARIO VERY MUCH
ALONG THE LINES REPORTED EARLIER IN REFTELS AND APPARENT
LY REPRESENTING A SYNTHESIS OF INFORMATION GLEANED BY
THE PRESS FROM CONTACTS WITH GOVT OFFICIAL S AND APPPOSITION
LEADERS, SUVH AS THE PSOE'S FELIPE GONZALEZ, WHO HAVE
SPOKEN WITH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ AS A DEFINITIVE GUIDE
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THE GOVT HAS MADE NO FORMAL, EXPLICIT STATEMENT IN

THIS REAGRD, NOR DE WE BELIEVE THAT IT HAS REACHED ANY FINAL DECISIONS BUT IT IS A TIMETABLE WHICH IS GAING INCREASING PUBLIC CURRENCY AND WHICH SEEMS TO REPRESENT THE GOVT'S TENTATIVE THINKING AT THIS STAGE.

AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER: PREPARATION BY THE GOVT IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPS INCLUDING THE OPPOSITION ON THE ONE HAND ADN CORTES ON THE OTHER OF THE QUESTION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REFERENDUM: (WE ASUME THESE WILL BE GENERAL "PHILOSOPHICAL" QUESTIONS RATHER THAN DETAILED SPECIFIC ONES).

SEPTEMBER; REFERENDU TEXT IS SUBMITTED TO THE CORTES RAISING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER, IN THE WORDS OF ONE NEWSPAPER IT WILL BE "FORCED TO SIGN ITS OWN OBITUARY NOTICE".

OCTOBER 15-30 THE REFEREDNEUM (OR CONSULATATION), WHICH WILL BE BINDING ON THE GOVT, IS SUBMITTED TO POPULAR VOTE.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER: POLITICAL APRTIES BEGIN TO FUNCTION IN EARNEST.

NOVEMBER MAY WE ASSUME EARLY IN THIS PERIOD NEW ELECTORAL LAW.

MAY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

JUNE NEW DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED CORTES, WITH CONSTITUENT RESPONSIBILITIES TAKES OFFICE.

2. IN FLESHING OUT THE SCENARIO INFORMACIONES MAKES THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS THAT BEAR REPORTING.

THE GOVT'S STRATEGY IS TO COME UP WITH A REFERENDUM TEXT WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OPPOSITION AND CANNOT BE "RATIONALLY REFUSED" BY THE CORTES AND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, IF THE CORTES BALKS, THE KING WILL BE COMPELLED TO "DISSOLVE" IT BY PASS IT? AND GO DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE.

THE OPPOSITION IS LIKELY TO PRESS FOR FORMATION OF A NEW GOVT AFTER THE REFERENDUM, WHICH WILL BE MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPINGS AND WHICH WILL, AS A RESULT, BE BETTER ABLE TO SUPERVISE THE HOLDING OF FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. (COMMENT: SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS ARE: HOWEVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHARY ABOUT THE IDEA.

THE PCE WILL NOT BE LEGALIZED AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE MAY ELECTIONS; THE MAINTENANCE OF PCE ILLEGALITY THROUGH THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE PART OF THE GOVT STRATEGY TO OBTAIN THE ACQUIESCENCE OF REGIME GROUPS IN THE REFORM PROCESS.

ONE ADVANTAGE WHICH THE GOVT ENJOYS IS THE ENTHUSIASM WHICH THE WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVTS AND THE USG HAVE MANI-

FESTED FOR THE SUAREZ PROGRAM.

3. "LA PASIONARIA'S REMARKS EVOKE CRITICISM. FLORES IBARRURI'S L'HUMANITE" INTERVIEW, IN WHICH SHE REPOTEDLY STATED, INTER ALIA, THAT THE PCE WAS THE ONLY OPPOSITION GROUPING WHICH CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE FRANCO REGIME. AND IS THE ESSTENIAL FORCE OF THE OPPOSITON, THE GREAT FORCE CAPABLE OF ORGANIZAING IT AND OF PROVIDING IMPETUS TO DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT," HAS ENVKED THE FOL-
LOWING POINTED RIPOSTES:
FELIPE GONZALEZ (PSOE) SHE HAS LOST TOUCH WITH SPANISH POLITICAL REALITY. THE PCE IS NOT, NOR CAN IT BE, THE "ESSTNTIAL FORCE OF THE OPPOSITION," PARTICU-
LARLY DURIGN A TRASNITION PERIOD. THERE ARE TOO MANY SOCIALISTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALL IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES TO LET SUCH REMARKS PASS.
SPOKESMAN FOR TIerno GALVAN'S MINI POLULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) FROM OUTSIDE OF SAPIN, ONE'S PERSPECTIVE IS DISTORTEDM THE COMMUNISTS EXAGGERATED CLAIMS DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH POLITICAL REALITY.
JOAQUIN SATRUSTEGUI (LIBERAL MONATCHIST), SHE IS DELIRIOUS. PASIONARIA CLAIMS THAT HER PARTY IS THE ONE TO PROVIDE IMPETUS TO DEOMCRATIC DEVELOPMENT, AFTER ADVOCATING THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT ALL HER LIFE. AND HE NOTES HER FRIEND STALIN'S ONE TIME DEVOTIION TO HITLER.

4. LIBERALS FEDERATE THREE LIBERAL MINI-PARTIES AGREED AUGUST 12. TO FORM THE "LIBERAL ALLIANCE", AND TO WORK FOR THE COORDINATION OF ALL SPANSIH LIBERAL GROUPINGS THE THREE CENTER RIGHT PARTIES JOAQUIN GARRIGUEA WALKERS FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC AND LIBERAL PARTIES (FPDL) JOAQUIN SATRUSTEGUI'S LIBERAL SPANISH UNION (ULE),
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AND ENRIQUE LARROQUE'S RECENTLY CREATED LIBERAL PARTY(PL) ISSUED A STAEMENT SUPPORTING FREE ENTERPRISE AND OPPOSING ECONOMIC "PRIVILEGE" AND MONOPLIES ADVOCATING SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE EC. AND CALLING FOR THE OPENING UP OF SPANISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WILL ALL COUNTRIES.
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